

MONTANA WOLF PROGRAM - WEEKLY REPORT

TO: Interested Parties
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SUBJECT: Wolf Program Activities and Related Information
WEEK OF: February 19-25, 2011

Contributors to the Montana Wolf Weekly are Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks (FWP), Universities, USDA Wildlife Services (WS), the National Park Service (NPS; Glacier NP; Yellowstone National Park will be reported in the Wyoming Wolf Weekly), US Forest Service, Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes, and the Blackfeet Nation.

Highlighted activities relate to: monitoring, wolf-livestock interactions, outreach and education, research, law enforcement, and other miscellaneous topics of public interest. The Weekly Report will be available each Monday, covering the previous week. It and other wolf program information (including the 2009 annual report) can be found on the FWP website.

WOLF MONITORING ACTIVITIES: nothing to report

Flights: nothing to report

WOLF-LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES:

02/19: WS investigated two calves reported as wolf kills in the Twin Bridges area. WS determined them as unconfirmed and no action will take place.

02/20: WS confirmed that a cow was injured by wolves on private land south of Wisdom. The cow died the next day due to injuries. A SOS permit was issued. The radio collar associated with the Twin Lakes pack was heard near the incident and tracks left the area in the same direction. WS has been authorized to lethally remove the Twin Lakes pack.

OUTREACH AND EDUCATION: nothing to report

RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: nothing to report

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND RELATED ACTIVITIES: nothing to report

OTHER UPDATES: nothing to report

To learn more about Montana's wolf population, the Montana program and to help FWP monitor wolves by reporting wolf sign, visit FWP online. Use the following shortcut link and be sure to update your bookmarks: <http://fwp.mt.gov/wolf>

To anonymously report a dead or injured wolf or suspected illegal activity, call: 1-800-TIP-MONT or 1-800-847-6668.

To request an investigation of injured or dead livestock, call USDA Wildlife Services directly in western Montana / Helena area at 406-458-0106 or in eastern Montana at the statewide office at 406-657-6464. Or, call your nearest FWP representative to have your call referred to Wildlife Services.

If you have a confirmed or probable livestock death loss due to wolves, USDA Wildlife Services will supply you with a copy of the Loss Reimbursement Application form. For more information, see <http://liv.mt.gov/liv/LM/index.asp> Or, contact the Livestock Loss Reduction and Mitigation Program Coordinator, George Edwards at the Montana Department of Livestock at 406-444-5609.